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MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

Columbia Regional Airport Ranked in Top 5 by Northwest Airlin



Northwest Airlin has ranked the Columbia Regional Airport in the top five of its 56 markets. Columbia ranked No. 1 in filling planes, with 70 percent of seats full. Columbia city officials feel that the change in the hub city to Memphis has attributed to the increase in air traffic from the airport. [Read more...](#)

Springfield Sets Opening Date for New Airport Terminal

The Springfield-Branson National Airport will open its \$119 million passenger terminal on May 6. The new terminal will allow additional overnight jetliner parking, more capacity for passengers and additional space for post-9/11 security requirements. [Read more...](#)



MEDC/IEDC Bring "Entrepreneurial and Small Business Development Strategies" Course to Blue Springs



The Missouri Economic Development Council (MEDC) has arranged for the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) to bring its "Entrepreneurial and Small Business Development Strategies" course to Blue Springs, Missouri, April 30 - May 1, 2009. MEDC worked with IEDC to bring the course to Missouri with the hope that economic and community developers in Missouri could take advantage of a more convenient and comparatively reasonable cost location. Be sure to [register](#) through the MEDC web site to take advantage of the cost savings. [Read more...](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 25 - 27, 2009
[IEDC Leadership Summit](#)
Tempe, AZ

January 26 - 28, 2009
[Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop](#)

January 27, 2009
["International Freight Insurance" Workshop](#)

January 29, 2009
[Missouri Conference on Transportation](#)

January 29, 2009
[Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission Meeting](#)

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Linda Martinez Talks Jobs



Linda Martinez is faced with the daunting task of turning Missouri's economy around during a recession, but she is taking on the challenge with zest. In an interview with the *St. Louis Business Journal*, Martinez, who was selected by Gov. Jay Nixon to be director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED), said her key focus will be worker training, particularly in the automotive sector. (Photo credit: Brian Cassidy, *St. Louis Business Journal*) [Read more...](#)

Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission to Meet

The Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission (MMPEC) will meet at 10 a.m. on January 29, in Room 500 of the Truman State Office Building, Jefferson City. The meeting is open to the public. For more information contact [Marcy Mealy](#), boards and commissions coordinator, (573) 526-3606. [Read more...](#)



Small Businesses Invited To Testify on Regulatory Fairness of State Agencies



The Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board (SBRFB) will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3, in Room 470 of the Governor's Office Building, Jefferson City. Small business owners who wish to comment on how state agency rules and regulations affect their operations are invited to attend or send in written testimony. Written testimony forms can be found at [SBRFB](#) and should be sent to: Small Business Regulatory

Fairness Board, Missouri Department of Economic Development, P.O. Box 1157, Jefferson City, MO, 65102, or may be sent via [e-mail](#). For more information, contact [Marcy Mealy](#), boards and commissions coordinator, (573) 526-3606. [Read more...](#)



2008 Missouri Population Estimates



Missouri's population totaled 5,911,605 in 2008, up by more than 33,000 or .6 percent over the year, according to recently released mid-year estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. The nation's population grew by nearly 2.77 million people, or .9 percent. This brings the total U.S. population to over 304.0 million. [Read more...](#)

February - October, 2009 [GLOBE XVII Program](#)

(Nine-month program meets monthly on the second TUESDAY of each month, except April)

February 3, 2009

[Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board Meeting & Public Hearing](#)

February 9 - 10, 2009

[MEDC Winter Conference](#)

February 18, 2009

[Missouri Chamber Day at the Capitol](#)

February 23 - 25, 2009

[IEDC's Economic Development Credit Analysis Course](#)
Baltimore, MD

March 17, 2009

["The Intersection of Animal and Human Health Opportunities for Collaboration Between Canada and the Kansas City Region"](#)

April 19 - 23, 2009

[Heartland Economic Development Course](#)
Adams Pointe Conference Center - Blue Springs, Missouri

April 30 - May 1, 2009

[Entrepreneurial and Small Business Strategies](#)

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OMB Solicits Proposals for Changes to NAICS Structure

The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Economic Classification Policy Committee (ECPC) is soliciting proposals from the public for changes to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) structure and content to be included in a potential 2012 revision.

The ECPC is also seeking public input on several clarifications to the existing industry classification system including: the advisability and desirability of reducing national industry detail in the manufacturing sector; a solicitation of proposals for new and emerging industries; and the classification of distribution centers, logistics service providers, and sales offices of publishers within NAICS. Comments are due no later than April 7, 2009. [Read more...](#)



City of Noel Receives CDBG Funding for Sewer Repairs

The city of Noel has been approved for a Community Development Block Grant of \$81,007 by the Missouri Department of Economic Development, it was announced last week. The grant will be used to match Federal Emergency Management Agency funds to restore a sewer line that was damaged by flooding a year ago. [Read more...](#)

Boys & Girls Town, Edgewood Center May Form Joint Parent Organization

Boys & Girls Town of Missouri and the Edgewood Children's Center announced this week that they are considering forming a joint parent organization and merging administrative functions. Such an action would not be a merger, the organizations said, because each nonprofit would maintain its



DWD Reaching Out to Increase Job Postings

Despite a national decline in the number of job openings featured on public and private job web sites, the [Division of Workforce Development](#) (DWD) is continuing to engage in outreach to businesses in order to ramp up the number of postings. DWD administers Missouri's state job matching website, [MissouriCareerSource.com](#), which posts the number of active job openings available.

St. Louis to Host IT Entrepreneurship Forum

On Wednesday, January 21, the BounceBack Network, the NIDUS Center for Scientific Enterprise, the University of Missouri-St. Louis and others will host the "Start-Up Connection." The focus of the program is to foster the growth of small businesses and entrepreneurial companies



NBIA Presents 23rd International Conference on Business Incubation

The National Business Incubation Association (NBIA) will hold its 23rd International Conference on Business Incubation – "Building on Best Practices," April 19-22 in Kansas City. Incubation and economic development professionals from around the world will meet for the industry's most dynamic and practical conference. [Read more...](#)

Kokam America Lands Investment to Jump Start Battery Production

Townsend Advanced Energy has made a multi-million dollar investment in Kokam America Inc., which will help the company ramp up its new Lee's Summit facility. Kokam produces superior lithium polymer batteries that could play a key role in the electric vehicle market, as well as other applications. The company has pledged to

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[Missouri Small Business Development Centers](#)

individual identity and mission and additional organizations could join under the umbrella group. [Read more...](#)

USDA Loans Available for Some Southeast Missouri Homeowners

USDA Rural Development is hoping qualifying homeowners in Southeast Missouri take advantage of a program designed to assist needy residents in Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry counties. In its 35th year, the Section 504 loan program provides assistance for repairs, improvement or modernization of a home, removal of health hazards and making a house safer. [Read more...](#)

in the St. Louis region by connecting them with talented individuals with skills in marketing, sales, technology, finance, operations, business development, and more. The Start-Up Connection is from 3-7 p.m., at IT Enterprises (ITe), 4633 World Parkway Circle. For more information, contact [Blair Forlaw](#) at (314) 444-1149 or visit [Start-Up Connection](#).

hire more than 100 workers by early 2010.

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Sigma-Aldrich Technology Included in The Scientist's Top 10 Innovations of 2008

Sigma-Aldrich's CompoZr Zinc Finger Nuclease (ZFN) technology has been recognized as one of the Top 10 Innovations of 2008 by *The Scientist* magazine. The company's targeted gene-editing technology was included in the magazine's inaugural list of the most outstanding products to enter the life sciences market.

[Read more...](#)

Midwest Research Institute Awarded \$26M Army Contract

Kansas City-based Midwest Research Institute has been awarded a \$26.3 million contract from the U. S. Army to develop the Individual Protection Ensemble Mannequin System that will be capable of performing tests on protective equipment to be used in chemical attacks.

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GLOBAL NEWS

MU Sponsors 21-Day Study Program 2010 to Thailand



The University of Missouri has collaborated with the Community Development Department (CDD) of the Royal Thai Government to carry out an exchange program that builds mutual understanding and contributes to collaborative learning between the people of Missouri and Thailand. Global Leadership Education (GLE) is a program devoted to building the leadership capacity of community members, community leaders and professionals in a number of sectors - government, education, civic and business, religious, non-profits and others. A small number of young professionals from Missouri, aged 22 to 35, who work in community development, youth leadership development, service organizations or serve as volunteers in these areas in their communities, will be selected for the study program to Thailand, January 3 – 23, 2010. Application deadline is March 13, 2009.

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Ozark, Springfield Chambers Present International Business Seminar Series

The Ozark Chamber of Commerce is teaming up with the Springfield Chamber to present "The Basics of International Trade" seminar series. The first session -- "Is my company ready to export?" -- will be from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., February 5. Later sessions will be February 18, March 18 and April 8. For more information, contact Ozark Chamber Director Chris Stone at (417) 581-6139. [Read more...](#)



Boeing Creates U.K. Unit, Indian Navy Purchases Planes



Boeing Defense UK Ltd. has announced a new operation, Boeing UK Rotorcraft Support, to focus on the company's rotorcraft support business in the UK. In a separate announcement, Boeing Co.'s Integrated Defense Systems has entered into an agreement with the Indian navy to purchase eight P-8I reconnaissance and anti-submarine planes. [Read more...](#)

2009 GLOBE (Global Leadership Opportunities for Business Executives) Applications Available

Applications are now being accepted for the next GLOBE class presented by the World Trade Center of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. The 2009 GLOBE (Global Leadership Opportunities for Business Executives) program is a unique nine-month training program designed for international executives to build upon their international methods and practices of conducting global business. Application deadline is January 30, 2009. [Application form...](#) [Read more...](#)

